

REMARKS

The currently presented claims now require that the cap and vessel be relatively rotated in a state where the threads of the cap and the vessel do not engage, the torque acting on the cap when the distal ends of the threads of the cap and vessel come into contact with each other measured to detect an incipient position of meshing engagement where the distal ends of both threads contact with each other and the cap be rotated in a clamping direction by a predetermined rotational angle with respect to the incipient position of meshing engagement to clamp the cap to the vessel.

It is respectfully submitted that the prior art of record in the present application do not show the above features of the presently claimed invention and, as such, the presently claimed invention is clearly patentably distinguishable thereover. Favorable consideration of the present application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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